FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 $1.88

SOUTH FLORIDA
SunSentinel

SunSentinel.com

INDEX
High: 88
Low: 78
Forecast, 10B

INDEX
Opinion.....9A
Lottery 3B
Obituaries...4B
Money 6B

LOCAL

Free family fun

Check out our list of the best weekend events for all ages. **3B**

B-52s on a mission

Celebrating 40 years of their first single.

Pin-Up Party quite a show Go!

A night of jazz, blues and more. **10B**

SPORTS

A step ahead

American Heritage sprinter gets national award. **1C**

Marlins shut out

Arizona dominates again with 4-0 win. **1C**

601 charged in opioid cases

124 of them in S. Florida as feds crack down on 'staggering' fraud

By Linda Trischitta
Staff writer

Federal authorities have charged 601 people across the country, including 124 in South Florida, in what they called the largest crackdown in history on health care fraud.

South Florida retains its notorious ranking of two decades as a leading region for such cases. Prosecutors in the Southern District of Florida filed charges against 20 percent of the total defendants announced and said they were responsible for $337 million in false billings.

"The numbers are really staggering," Benjamin Greenberg, U.S. attorney for the southern district of Florida said Thursday at a Miami news conference.

Nationwide, various schemes involved $2 billion in losses because of fraud. Among those facing prosecution were 76 doctors, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

In South Florida, defendants in 59 cases were charged in May and June.

Illegal activities occurred around substance abuse treatment; distribution of opioids, money laundering, check cashing and billings to Medicare, prosecutors said.

Sober homes and treatment centers in Broward and Palm Beach counties have been a focus of investigators, Greenberg said.

"Most of the residential sober

See **OPIOIDS, 8A**

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Thursday the arrests were "the most fraud, the most defendants, and the most doctors ever charged in a single operation."

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Several states set to act on abortion

Reshaped Supreme Court could open avenues to a ban

By Evan Halper
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's ability to reshape the Supreme Court with a conservative nominee could quickly send the nation back to a reality that had seemed far in the past: Abortion would be illegal in a large swath of America, subjecting doctors and perhaps pregnant women to criminal prosecution and potentially upending the political landscape in many states.

As many as 17 states are poised to effectively ban abortion should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that guaranteed abortion rights nationwide. If the decision were overturned, each state could set its own rules on abortion.

Trump vowed in his campaign that overturning Roe "will happen, automatically," if he were elected and could appoint justices to the court. More recently, as president, he criticized Roe for leading to "some of the most permissive abortion laws in the world."

See **ABORTION, 7A**

A $3.99 Bundt cake.
An expired coupon.

NOW $204,000 JOB IS ON THE LINE

By Susannah Bryan
Staff writer

SUNRISE – No matter how good it tastes, Bundt cake isn't worth this much.

Sunrise City Manager Richard Salamon had a fit when a local baker refused to honor his coupon for a free cake. Now the $3.99 deal could cost him his $204,000-a-year job.

The top boss at City Hall got nasty when told his coupon for the free mini Bundt had expired, the co-owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes told commissioners Tuesday night.

Sunrise City Manager Richard Salamon wanted a bundt cake. Badly.

Dannie Augustin said Salamon came into the Sunrise bakery a few weeks ago and asked her employee to "break the rules" and honor the coupon. When she refused, Salamon's wife blasted the bakery on Facebook.

Salamon, who could not be reached for comment Thursday, stayed mum on the dais while commissioners debated the matter.

At least one commissioner,

See **BUNDT, 8A**

Gunman kills 5 at Maryland newspaper

Suspect apprehended in targeted attack, police say

By Kevin Rector
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Five people were killed and at least two others injured in a shooting Thursday at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis in what appeared to be one of the deadliest attacks on journalists in U.S. history, authorities said.

Among the victims was Assistant Managing Editor Rob Hiaasen, 59, brother of novelist Carl Hiaasen, who grew up in Plantation and attended Plantation High School.

Police said the suspect, identified by media outlets as Jarrod W. Ramos, 38, used a "long gun" in the afternoon attack and is in custody.

Police called the shooting a "targeted attack on The Capital Gazette."

Bill Krampf, acting police chief for Anne Arundel County, said the shooter used canisters of smoke grenades when he entered the newspaper.

The gunman also mutilated his fingers in a possible effort to thwart identification, according to an official who was briefed on the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity. Another official said authorities used facial recognition technology to identify the suspect.

"The shooter has not been very forthcom-

See **RAMPAGE, 8A**

YOUR NATION, YOUR WORLD

GOP, Democrats trade barbs on court vacancy

The Senate battle over Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee is off to a fiery start. **2A**

U.S. officials accused of withholding documents

Republicans demanded details about surveillance tactics during the Russia investigation. **3A**

Melania Trump makes second visit to border

The first lady met face-to-face with those dealing with hard-line immigration policies. **6A**

Mattis: Troop levels to stay same in S. Korea

The U.S. Defense Secretary sought to send a clear message of reassurance. **6A**

KITCHENS
BATHS
OUTDOOR
PLUMBING FIXTURES

VISIT OUR TWO SHOWROOMS!
3484 NE 12th Ave. | Downtown Oakland Park
616 W Oakland Park Blvd. | Fort Lauderdale
Licensed and Insured Residential General Contractor — 85CGC1225CX
954.564.1611 | alliedkitchenandbath.com

COMPLETE DESIGN & REMODELING SERVICES

Allied
KITCHEN • BATH • HOME
OUTDOOR LIVING

We reach nearly 1.5 million adults every week with the combined resources of:
SunSentinel.com South Florida COMMUNITYNEWS SENTINEL

Vol. 59, No. 65 » Copyright 2018
All rights reserved
For home delivery, call 1-800-548-NEWS